

Application No. 10/632,288
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-18, 30 and 31 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 19, 22, 23, 25, 27 and 28 as follows.

Listing of Claims

1-18. (CANCELLED)

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A closure for a bottle, comprising:

an end wall having a peripheral edge and an interior side;

at least one sidewall extending generally perpendicularly from said end wall and circumscribing said peripheral edge;

a seal ring ~~[[disposed]]~~ formed on said interior side of said end wall;

a lobe ~~[[disposed]]~~ formed on said end wall and extending in a direction opposite said sidewall and generally perpendicular to said end wall; and

an aperture through said lobe;

said closure formed from at least two polymeric materials, whereby said first polymeric material ~~provides structural strength to said~~ forms a core of the closure, wherein said core is formed with a number of ribs and intervening voids to provide the closure with areas of varying thickness, and wherein said core forms said seal ring; and

said second polymeric material ~~provides an aesthetic feel to said closure~~ layers over at least a portion of said first polymeric material and fills in said voids in said core.

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20. (ORIGINAL) The closure of claim 19, wherein said first polymeric material has a durometer greater than said second polymeric material.

21. (ORIGINAL) The closure of claim 19, wherein said first polymeric material is polypropylene.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The closure of claim 19, wherein said second polymeric material is either polypropylene or thermoplastic elastomer.

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23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The closure of claim 19,~~ A closure for a bottle,
comprising:

an end wall having a peripheral edge and an interior side;

at least one sidewall extending generally perpendicularly from said end wall and
circumscribing said peripheral edge;

a seal ring disposed on said interior side of said end wall;

a lobe disposed on said end wall and extending in a direction opposite said
sidewall and generally perpendicular to said end wall; and

an aperture through said lobe;

said closure formed from at least two polymeric materials, whereby said first
polymeric material provides structural strength to said closure and said second
polymeric material provides an aesthetic feel to said closure; and

wherein said closure is formed such that said second polymeric material
generally encases substantially covers said first polymeric material.

24. (ORIGINAL) The closure of claim 23, wherein an area proximate said aperture is
substantially free from said second polymeric material.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The closure of claim 19, further comprising ~~external~~
internal screw threads disposed on side sidewall.

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26. (ORIGINAL) The closure of claim 19, wherein said aperture is offset from the center of said closure, toward said peripheral edge of said endwall.

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The closure of claim 19,~~ A closure for a bottle,

comprising:

an end wall having a peripheral edge and an interior side;

at least one sidewall extending generally perpendicularly from said end wall and
circumscribing said peripheral edge;

a seal ring disposed on said interior side of said end wall;

a lobe disposed on said end wall and extending in a direction opposite said
sidewall and generally perpendicular to said end wall; and

an aperture through said lobe;

wherein said closure is formed from three polymeric materials, said first polymeric material forming a core of said closure, said second polymeric material forming an intermediate layer of said closure, and said third polymeric material forming an outer layer of said closure.

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The closure of claim 27, wherein said core of said first polymeric material is formed with a number of ribs and intervening voids to provide said core with areas of varying thickness, and said ~~first~~ second polymeric material fills in said voids and forms said intermediate layer.

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29. (ORIGINAL) The closure of claim 27, wherein said first, second, and third polymeric materials are polypropylene copolymer, polypropylene, and thermoplastic elastomer, respectively.

30-31. (CANCELLED)